

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 394

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A RESOLUTION to express support for law enforcement in  
Tennessee.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their own concerns to ensure our collective freedom and personal safety, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who perform above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, the people of Tennessee are fortunate to be served by the brave and dedicated law enforcement officers of our State, who daily put their lives on the line while carrying out their essential duties; and

WHEREAS, in Tennessee, more than 17,000 law enforcement officers protect our 6.5 million citizens daily. These men and women in the law enforcement profession go to work in an extremely high-risk environment, not knowing if they will return home to their families at the end of each day; and

WHEREAS, eight law enforcement officers have been shot and killed in the line of duty in the United States since August 1, 2015, including Memphis Police Officer Sean Michael Bolton, who was shot and killed on August 1<sup>st</sup>, after interrupting an alleged drug deal inside a parked vehicle; and

WHEREAS, additionally, nine other law enforcement officers have lost their lives since August 1, 2015, in traffic accidents or other related incidents. With the events of this summer and especially this past month, we are reminded of the sacrifices that law enforcement personnel and their families make on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, in the finest tradition of law enforcement, the Tennessee Highway Patrol sets its number one priority as working to save lives on Tennessee roadways. Tennessee State

Troopers do this by focusing on drunk driving arrests, enforcing the seat belt law, cracking down on distracted driving, and discouraging drivers from speeding; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee State Troopers also have an active role in stopping illegal drug trafficking and human trafficking through and to Tennessee. Each of our troopers is trained in interdiction work and knows to look beyond the ticket for possible criminal activity on Tennessee's roadways; and

WHEREAS, enforcing hazardous moving violations and drug interdiction work are dangerous tasks, but some 800 Tennessee State Troopers put their lives on the line every day to help ensure all of those who live, work, and visit Tennessee are safe; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we proudly express our strong support of the law enforcement officers of Tennessee as we extend to these men and women our deepest thanks for their commitment and sacrifice to serve and protect our communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.